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The National Institute of Justice announces the 1982-83 Visiting Fellowship Program offering:

- **Opportunities to conduct independent research on crime, delinquency and criminal justice administration.**
- **Direct access to the Institute's extensive criminal justice library and information clearinghouse.**
- **Exposure to the research programs of a major national sponsor of justice research.**

The National Institute of Justice was created by the Justice System Improvement Act of 1979 to sponsor research on the prevention and control of crime and delinquency. The Institute's Visiting Fellowship Program enables talented persons to pursue promising new ideas for improved understanding of crime, delinquency and justice administration.

HARRY M. BRATT
Acting Director
National Institute of Justice

THE PROGRAM

The Visiting Fellowship Program, established in 1974, sponsors the research projects of academic scholars and senior-level policymakers in the criminal justice field. The Program's principal aim is to contribute to the infusion of creative new ideas for improved understanding of crime, criminal behavior, and the fairness and effectiveness of the operations of the criminal justice system. Fellows are selected on the basis of competitive reviews of preliminary proposals. Fellows come to the National Institute of Justice to work on research projects of their design and creation for periods of three to fifteen months. While at the Institute Fellows acquire firsthand knowledge of a program of research that is national in scope. They interact with Institute staff and with distinguished leaders from the criminal justice field who frequently visit the agency, they present seminars, make use of the Institute's extensive criminal justice library and gain direct access to its large information clearinghouse. But most importantly Fellows conduct research which they have designed and on topics which they themselves have selected.

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ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

The program is open to senior-level criminal justice policymakers and advanced academic researchers. A Fellowship grant is awarded to a single individual, not to a private or public organization, and only supports projects that are research in nature. Action-oriented projects, such as training projects and treatment programs in which research only plays a minor role, are outside the scope of Program support. Also not sponsored are part-time research efforts, students seeking educational support and persons previously awarded a Visiting Fellowship grant. Fellows are selected on the basis of previous professional experience and expectations regarding the project's contribution to the field of criminal justice knowledge and practice. Specific criteria used in the reviews of preliminary proposals include the significance of the study problem, the soundness of the methodology and research design, project feasibility, and overall cost. Preliminary proposals meeting basic eligibility criteria are competitively reviewed by a panel of peers selected for their broad backgrounds of knowledge concerning the state of theory, research and practice in the criminal justice field. Applicants proposing to conduct highly specialized research must present their proposals in non-technical terms. Following the reviews the panel's recommendations are submitted to the Institute Director for final decisions on grant awards. The Institute expects to select up to five Fellows for the 1982–83 Program.

SOME EXAMPLES OF FELLOWS' RESEARCH PROJECTS

Robert Gillespie, Professor of Economics, University of Illinois. Subject: The Reduction of Court Delay in the Federal District Courts.

Peter K. Manning, Professor of Sociology and Psychiatry, Michigan State University. Subject: Drug Law Enforcement.

Robert Gaensslen, Professor of Biochemistry, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Subject: Development of A Sourcebook in Forensic Serology.

Joan Jacoby, Research Associate, Bureau of Social Science Research. Subject: The Role of the Prosecutor in the Criminal Justice System.

Nicholas Kittrie, Professor of Law, The American University. Subject: Political Crime, Terrorism and the Law Enforcement Response.

Paul B. Paulus, Professor of Psychology, University of Texas. Subject: Prison Crowding.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

No special forms are required for initial application. Applicants submit **10 copies** of a 15-20 page preliminary proposal (typed and double-spaced) and **10 attached copies** of a resume or curriculum vitae to:

Visiting Fellowship Program
National Institute of Justice
633 Indiana Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20531

Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the applicant's professional experience are also submitted to that address.

The preliminary proposal consists of the following:

Summary: (10 lines) Summary of the proposed research.

Problem Definition: Clear and concise description of the study problem, including an assessment of the problem's significance and appropriate references to the literature, both theoretical and empirical, on the problem.

Problem Solution: Explanation of the bearing of the proposed research on solutions to the problem.

Methodology and Research Design: Detailed description of data collection, analysis and interpretation procedures, including appropriate discussions of methodology and design issues.

Project Schedule and Costs: (1-2 pages) Indication of project start- and end-date (projects cannot start before July 1, 1981); description of project products and a timetable for their delivery; estimates of stipend, fringe benefits, travel costs, costs for clerical and research assistance, equipment purchase or lease costs, data processing costs, and mailing and stationery costs. Indirect costs are not allowable.

Deadline: The postmark deadline date for the submission of the preliminary proposal, resume (or curriculum vitae), and letters of recommendation is **November 15, 1981.** Extensions of the deadline date are not granted.

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BENEFITS AND SERVICES

Location: Fellows are situated at the Institute during their Fellowship period where they are provided free office space, phone usage, photocopier usage (for normal demand use), office furnishings and supplies, and typewriter. (Postage and stationery are not provided).

Stipend: The allowable stipend is determined on the basis of the applicant's earned income previously reported for tax purposes. Current Institute policy limits annual stipends to $50,115.

Fringe Benefits: The Institute will assume the cost of the employer's contribution to a pension fund and insurance plan in which the Fellow is enrolled at the time of award and plans to continue during the Fellowship period.

Travel: Round trip costs to the Institute for the Fellow and for legal dependents who will reside with the Fellow during the entire grant period are covered by the Fellowship grant. The cost of travel within the U.S. essential to the accomplishment of the project's goals is also covered. Fellows generally may not be in travel status more than 20% of the project period.

Supplementary Expenses: Fellows may receive an annual amount not exceeding $15,000 for research and clerical assistance combined. Special equipment purchases or leases are allowable if they are essential to the project.

Computer Facilities: The Institute offers Fellows a limited amount of computer time and access to a large array of packaged computer programs. Fellows anticipating substantial data processing costs should budget funds for this purpose.

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